

U.S.S.N. 09/229,226
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REPLY BRIEF

(9) SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and those in the Appeal Brief, Appellant submits that the claims 1-33 are patentable.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: *ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL OF ACOUSTIC TISSUE EFFECTS*

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.194, Appellants respectfully request an oral hearing in the Appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Examiner's Answer mailed May 19, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-33 in the above-identified application.

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